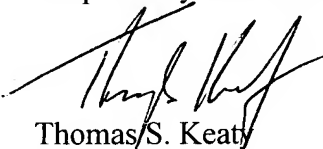


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a response to the notice of non-compliance dated January 6, 2005. The applicant submits herewith substitute claims properly amended as required in the notice. By this amendment, the applicant confirms this election of claims 1-7 for continuing prosecution in the instant application and cancels Claims 8-17 as directed to a non-elective group. The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected group. Favorable consideration of the selected claims is respectfully requested.

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